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On 21 January 1953, an exercise involving 25 T-34 tanks, 6 x 120-mm mortars, 5 AT guns of about 40-mm caliber and approximately 500 soldiers was held in the area of Forst Zinna at the Jueterbog troop training grounds. At about 9 a.m., 15 T-34 tanks proceeded along the Wildbahn lane via forest section No 41 as far as the machine house in forest section No 45, coming from the direction of Dorf Zinna. The tanks, mounting infantry, attacked an enemy who had AT gun and mortar equipment and was emplaced in forest sections Nos 46, 51, 52, 58 and 59. The infantrymen on the tanks, which did not fire, threw smoke pots. At 9:50 a.m., six T-34 tanks mounting infantry made a flank attack via forest sections Nos 53 B and 53 A. The exercise terminated at 1 p.m.

[redacted] Truck [redacted] occupied by three tank officers were seen in the training area. At 4 p.m., six tanks drove up to shelter holes which had previously been excavated in forest section Nos 44 and 45. [redacted] that the tanks had come from Jueterbog.

Comment. The numbers of the forest sections do not check with available maps. [redacted] map will be submitted later. Motor vehicle [redacted] belongs to the 14th Gds Mecz Div and [redacted] to the Third Gds Mecz Army, probably to the 62d AAA Div [redacted]. The exercise was presumably conducted by one of the three mechanized regiments of the 14th Gds Mecz Div.

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